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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE
6 June 1956

PREPARING OFFICE

Headquarters, 66th Counter Intelligence Corps Group, APO 154, US Army

SUBJECT

LINDER, Roy aka Roy L. aka
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aka EICHENBAUM, AdolfCODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION
OF SOURCE:COMPLETELY RELIABLE A
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OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
PROBABLY TRUE 2
POSSIBLY TRUE 3
DOUBTFULLY TRUE 4
IMPROBABLE 5
TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED . . . 6

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Information dated 10 February 1955 indicates that John Helmut Noble, born 4 September 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, a former prison of the Soviets, met Roy LINDER aka Roy L. aka EICHENDORF, Adolf aka EICHENDORFF aka EICHENBAUM, Adolf, a Canadian in the prison camp in Vorkuta, USSR, in September 1950. LINDER then entered a hospital where he remained for one year. Noble was of the opinion that LINDER had influenza or pneumonia. After leaving the hospital, LINDER was placed in charge of the cleaning of his barracks. After a short time LINDER reentered the hospital. In the latter part of 1952, LINDER was transferred to the camp hospital, Camp 3, in Vorkuta, where his illness was diagnosed as tuberculosis. LINDER remained in this hospital until his pardon on 14 April 1954, and then quarantined until the Soviets decided on his disposition. While in quarantine, LINDER had an opportunity to write the American Embassy in Moscow. LINDER sent a message to Source by people who were going from the quarantine camp to Source's camp in which he stated that he had written to the Embassy but had received no reply. Source heard later that LINDER had been released in the city of Vorkuta and was employed as an engineer working with steam shovels. In March 1954, after he had heard from other inmates that there was a Canadian working in the mine, Source saw him a few days later. At this meeting LINDER told Source that he was working as chief of the bath for "Free People" in a little village near mine 29. LINDER remained there until early in June 1954, at which time he departed and said he was going to Georgia in the southern region of the USSR. LINDER told Source at this time that he was going to Georgia in order to see his girl friend. LINDER also told Source that he was born in 1913 or 1914 and that his mother was of Swedish extraction, but did not mention the nationality of his father. LINDER further told Source that at one time he had resided in Vancouver, Canada. A Polish Jew, Fnu Dickman, who worked with prisoner's records at Vorkuta, told Source that LINDER was of Russian descent and had been born in China. These records also revealed that LINDER had resided for a number of years in the US. Dickman said that LINDER had spent his childhood in Shanghai, China. However, in conversation, LINDER denied that he was of Russian extraction. LINDER told Source that in 1937 he was working at a state park out near 7 mile road in Detroit as a stunt flyer. LINDER also mentioned that he had flown sky writing planes in the US, and was last in the US in 1947. Source stated that it was apparent from LINDER's knowledge of the cities of Detroit and Windsor, Michigan, that he had been there. LINDER showed Source a badge of the Royal Canadian Air Force, the number of which was either 323 or 232. LINDER stated that at one time he had been called as a witness in court proceedings concerning a group of Communists on trial. Source did not know if LINDER was a witness for or against this group. LINDER denied being a Communist or ever having been a member of the Communist Party, but stated that he participated in the Spanish Civil War in 1936 as a Military Observer, country not stated. LINDER also related that he

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was engaged in a war in South America, country not stated, nor degree of participation. LINDER did mention that he was utilized as an aviator. LINDER apparently had a propensity for languages and spoke English, Chinese, Russian, and German fluently, and also possessed a good command of the French language and used this mode of expression in conversations with Ferec (phonetic), a French national incarcerated at Vorkuta. LINDER told Source that he was a Major in the US Air Force at the time of his apprehension; however, he mentioned to some of the other inmates that he was a Colonel. He also mentioned to Source that he was an Air Force commander at Tempelhof Air Base in Berlin. LINDER stated that he was kidnapped in the Western Sector of Berlin and transported by air to Moscow. He remained in the Lublianka prison in Moscow for over a year. LINDER told Source that he received a sentence of 5 years on a charge of espionage. LINDER received a pardon in April 1953, at which time a general amnesty was being granted prisoners serving sentences of 5 years. Many of the inmates in the Vorkuta camp manifested distrust of LINDER because of the conflicting tales he related concerning his background. LINDER said that while he was serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force, it joined the US Air Force and he had entered the American Air Force in this manner. Source described LINDER as being 6'2" to 6'5" tall, weight unknown, with a very thin build and his chest bones could be seen because of his emaciated condition, a full head of hair but was very sparse, blue eyes, did not wear glasses, could not close right eye and it was moist at all times; distinguishing characteristics: tattoo of an American flag on inside of right forearm, scars on forehead and arm from knife fight while in prison, chin extended to the left which LINDER attributed to an air plane crash. A German doctor in the camp told Source that this extension of LINDER's chin was more probably the result of an operation and he doubted if it were the result of a crash. This doctor stated that such an off set chin was often the result of an improperly performed operation. Some of the Soviet prisoners told Source that the tattoo was a typical Chinese tattoo. Source possessed no other knowledge of LINDER or of his activities. (F-6)

Information dated 14 February 1956, indicates that Wilhelm Berger, German national, born 20 October 1920 in Halle, Germany, residing at that time at Everestrasse, Munich, Germany, a former prisoner of the Soviets, stated that while in the prison camp in Vorkuta, USSR, he met a Canadian Air Corps Officer, Colonel Adolf EICHENDORFF, who spoke fluent German. EICHENDORFF, who Source believes is married, is described as being approximately 44 years old, 5'11" tall, with a thin build, dark blond hair, and an injured jaw which is markedly slanted to the left, causing a slight speech impediment. This injury allegedly occurred in an air plane crash. EICHENDORFF lived near Vancouver, Canada, and in World War II flew missions against Germany. Prior to EICHENDORFF's arrest in East Berlin in 1951, he was stationed at the Gatow Airfield in Berlin. In 1951, while touring the East Sector, EICHENDORFF was arrested and accused of espionage. EICHENDORFF could give no apparent reason for his arrest other than the fact that he was a Colonel in the Canadian Air Force. He was unable to contact the Canadian or other Allied agencies to inform them of his arrest, and was sentenced to 5 years

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imprisonment and sent to Vorkuta. Upon the death of Stalin in 1953, an amnesty was declared for all persons serving 5 years or less, and EICHENDORFF was released on 26 April 1953. However, he was not permitted to leave the area, but was forced to stay and work in the city as a night watchman, although he lived with apparent freedom. After his release, EICHENDORFF spoke to Source on two occasions during the summer of 1953, and in September 1954, when he traveled to the prison camp and secretly spoke to Source through the fence. Source did not see EICHENDORFF after September 1954 but heard through several nurses in a hospital that the latter was still in the city as of March 1955. During their conversations, EICHENDORFF told Source to report his presence in Russia to American or Canadian authorities as soon as Source was released. EICHENDORFF had no connections with the West during his interment and subsequent detention in the city, and had been the only Canadian in the camp in Vorkuta. Source has not reported to any other American agencies, and did not relate his story concerning EICHENDORFF to the German authorities. (F-6)

Information dated 7 September 1954, indicates that Richard Walter Uhl, born 25 September 1929 in Erfurt, Germany, residing at that time at 151 Rothenburgerstrasse, Nuernberg, Germany, stated that on 1 December 1950 in the prison camp in Vorkuta, USSR, he met an alleged American, Fnu EICHENDORF, who was about 45 to 48 years old and an outspoken communist. Because EICHENDORF was not required to produce as large a quantity of coal per day, because he was utilized by camp officials in a semi-authoritative position and because of his being an outspoken communist, he was regarded as an informer by all members of the camp. Source knew nothing further regarding EICHENDORF's past history. Source last saw EICHENDORF in 1953. (F-6)

Information dated 30 April 1954, indicates that Homer H. Cox, a US soldier who was imprisoned by the Soviets from 6 September 1949 to 29 December 1953, stated that in June 1953 he met Roy L. LINDER in Varkuta, USSR. Source described LINDER as being a Canadian, approximately 43 years old, 5'11" tall, weighing approximately 135 pounds, skinny build; scars and marks; jawbone had been broken and had grown crookedly, pointing to the left of center, and a large indentation behind his left ear caused from an injury which had made him deaf in that ear. LINDER told Source that both his jaw and ear were injured in an air plane crash. LINDER stated that he had been at Vorkuta for three (3) months; was a group Captain in the Royal Canadian Air Force and had been an agent in the Canadian Intelligence network, making two (2) parachute jumps into Germany during World War II; he was married to a Swedish woman named Inge and had two children; Inge's brother named Sandberg; was the editor of a leading newspaper in Stockholm; LINDER spoke eight (8) languages fluently including the Chinese language; he had received 500 Rubles for his work on three (3) different occasions. LINDER did not tell Source where he (LINDER) had been prior to his arrival at Vorkuta. Source stated that he mistrusted LINDER because LINDER was dressed in regular clothing uncommon to a prisoner and was wearing an identification bracelet giving his name as "Roy L. LINDER RCAF" engraved on it. Source stated that the wearing of jewelry of any type was unheard of among the prisoner personnel. LINDER was still at Vorkuta when Source left in mid-June 1953 and

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Source had neither seen nor heard anything of LINDER since that time. (F-6)

Information dated 10 February 1955, indicates that William T. Marchuk, a US soldier who was imprisoned by the Soviets from 9 February 1949 to 8 January 1955, stated that in early January 1955, he was told by an unidentified Polish prisoner that an American, Fnu EICHENDORF, had served his five (5) year political sentence at Vorkuta and was working as a free citizen in the city of Vorkuta. EICHENDORF had requested to remain in the Soviet Union after serving his sentence. Source, who never saw EICHENDORF, overheard rumors that EICHENDORF had a facial deformity in the shape of a twisted jaw. No further information was made available concerning EICHENDORF. (F-6)

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